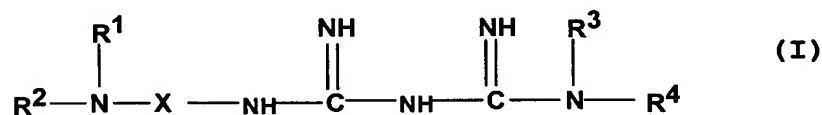


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-8 and Claims 13-19, and amend Claims 9-12 as indicated below. The status of all of the claims following entry of these amendments will be as follows:

Claims 1-8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (amended) A compound of the following formula:



wherein:

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl (C₁ to C₂₀), aminoalkyl (C₁ to C₂₀) and cycloalkyl (C₃ to C₂₀);

R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl (C₁ to C₂₀), aminoalkyl (C₁ to C₂₀) and cycloalkyl (C₃ to C₂₀); and

X is selected from the group consisting of alkyl (C₂ to C₁₀) and alkyl (C₂ to C₁₀) substituted with cycloalkyl (C₃ to C₂₀);

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 9, wherein R¹ is alkyl (C₁ to C₂₀), and R², R³ and R⁴ are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl (C₁ to C₂₀).

11. (Amended) A compound according to Claim ~~10~~ 9, wherein X is propyl, R¹ is methyl, R² is dodecyl, R³ is hydrogen, and R⁴ is selected from the group consisting of 1,4-dimethylpentyl, heptyl, decyl and N-methyl-N-dodecyl amino propyl.

12. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 44 9, wherein R¹ is methyl, R² is dodecyl, R³ is hydrogen, R⁴ is 1,4-dimethylpentyl, and X is propyl. --